

May 1, 1874

Major John B. Jones (1834-1881)

Born in So. Carolina. Came to Republic of TX in 1837. Educated at Old Baylor and Antersville where students had to defend the school from Indian attacks.

In Civil War (1861-65), served with Terry's Texas Rangers and Speight's Texas Inf. Battalion. Was appointed (May 1, 1874) by Governor Richard Coke to organize and field the Frontier Battalion, Texas Rangers. Duty

was to stop Indian depredations, bandit  
raids from Mexico and lawlessness that  
resulted from Federal Reconstruction. At once  
put 6 Ranger Companies at Frontier Posts  
150 mi apart. In first 6 mos patrolled  
22,250 miles.

Defeated Indians in numerous engagements  
brought end to violent outbreaks including  
the Mason Co. War; Horrell-Higgins Feud;  
Kemble Co. Trouble; El Paso Salt War. In 1878  
brought to justice Sam Bass, gang leader &  
bank robber. In 1880 & 81 directed tracking down  
and punishing Victorio's Apache Indians. Buried Austin, TX